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PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY

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DATE: May 27, 2008

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

SUBJECT: **Year 2008** - List of Approved Florida Growers/Packers/Shippers of **Litchi and Longan** Fruit

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) reports that the litchi (lychee) shipping season has started and will continue through July. Florida-origin longans will begin shipping July through early September; however, many growers are now employing potassium chlorate to force flowering/fruiting at different times of the year. As a result of this procedure, Florida-origin longans may be available sporadically throughout the year.

Commercially-produced litchis and longans from Florida are exempt from the regulations of the Caribbean Fruit Fly Exterior Quarantine and do not need to be treated. Commercially-produced litchis and longans have been cleaned, sorted and packed, and are free of splits and cracks. This reduces the risk of the fruit harboring Caribbean fruit fly larvae. **Backyard fruit is not exempt from the quarantine and is prohibited** unless a certificate of treatment accompanies each shipment.

A list of growers/packers/shippers that are approved to ship Florida-origin, commercially-produced litchi and longan fruit is attached. Commercially produced Florida-origin longans and litchis from shippers that do not appear on this list should be held until the origin of the fruit is confirmed.

FDACS has instructed Florida shippers that commercial fruit must be shipped in new boxes with the following information on the box:

- name of the shipper (see list below)
- origin, Florida grown
- contents

Florida-origin litchi and longan fruit must be free of branches and leaves; however, fruit may be in clusters. The presence of leaves and branches increases the risk of surface pests such as ants, scales and mealybugs. If surface pests are found, the shipment of fruit should be rejected under FAC 6461.5, live pests.

The table below lists other major sources for litchis and longans. Treatment is required for most litchis and longans that originate outside the continental United States. Except for Mexican-origin litchis, Florida-origin litchis and longans are the only ones that do not require treatment. Compared to untreated fruit, cold or heat-treated litchis and longans may show discoloration.

Origin	Fruit Type	Required Treatment
China	Litchi and Longan	Cold treated
Hawaii	Litchi and Longan	Hot water immersion, irradiation, vapor heat
Israel	Litchi	Cold treated
Mexico	Litchi	No treatment necessary
Taiwan	Litchi	Cold treated

If you have any questions about this advisory, please contact any Interior Program Biologist, or contact Wendi Wilkinson at (916) 654-0312 or by e-mail at wwilkinson@cdfa.ca.gov.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA 2008 LITCHI & LONGAN LIST

C&J Lychee Groves, J.D. & Cam Earley, Homestead, FL. 305 242-0606
Chen-Wan & Kwong Lung Chiu, Loxahatchee, FL (Palm Beach Co.) 561 333-3270
Cook's Grove, Regis Cook, Miami, FL. 305 251-6022
Daniel J. Hodgman Miami, FL 305 233-7270
Double Green Farms, Mike Chow, Homestead, FL. 305 246-3341
Ely & Sypha Ham, Homestead, FL. 614 274-4759 (F), 614 272-0561
Florida Fresh Inc., Don Fox, Florida City, FL. 305 245-4489
Fresh King, Inc., Peter Schnebly, Homestead, FL. 305 246-1617
JLS Litchi Farm, Jean Saniny, Miami, FL. 305 666-1494
Kam Tai Farms, Chhoy Thay Chau, Homestead, FL 305 247-4248
Keith Rowe, Homestead, FL 305 230-0733
Khemara Farm, Peter Pith, Homestead, FL 786-256-9452
Laub Groves, Charles Laub, Homestead, FL. 305 257-2302
Leaf Farms, Princeton, FL. 305 258-1205
LNB Groves, Marc Ellenby, Homestead, FL. 305 248-7595, 305 345-6650
New Limeco LLC, Princeton, FL. 305 258-1611
OK Farms, Preeda Ovakit, Homestead, FL. 305 796-8695
Perez Groves, Robert Perez, Miami, FL. 305 234-2741
Richard Quigley, Homestead, FL 305 245-6782
Steven Green, Homestead, FL. 305 248-8420, 305 284-3039
Terry & Barbara Glancy, Homestead, FL. 305 247-4839
Tron Dawson, Tron & Joe Dawson, Homestead, FL. 305 248-6590
Whitman Fruit 'Longan King', Chris Whitman, Miami, FL. 305 257-5651
William B. Malaney, Homestead, FL 305 248-0653